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SUBJECT: RATIONALIZATION OF LOGISTICS: PROPOSED VISIT TO

EUROPE BY DR. JOHN J. BENNETT (ACTING ASD/I AND L)

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS APPROVED THE ORGANIZATION OF

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A DOD STEERING GROUP ON THE RATIONALIZATION OF LOGISTICS

WITHIN NATO. TWO OTHER STEERING GROUPS WERE PREVIOUSLY ORGANIZED TO FOCUS ON RATIONALIZATION OF TRAINING (M AND RA/ISA) AND RATIONALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS (DTACCS). THOSE STEERING GROUPS ARE DESIGNED TO GUIDE AND COORDINATE THE MANY IMPORTANT EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN THESE AREAS TOWARD RATIONALIZATION OF NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS. THE LOGISTICS STEERING GROUP WILL BE CHAIRED BY OASD/I AND L AND CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM OASD/ISA, PA AND E, JCS, AND THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. IT WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES DURING THE COMING YEAR:

A. IDENTIFICATION OF HIGH PAYOFF AREAS WHERE RATIONALIZATION OF NATO LOGISTICS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

B. FORMATION OF A TOP LEVEL ORGANIZATION IN NATO TO ADDRESS LOGISTICS MATTERS. THIS GROUP (CONFERENCE OF LOGISTICS DIRECTORS) SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL.

C. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN US LOGISTIC ELEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ACTION PROGRAMS ON NATO LOGISTICS RATIONALIZATION.

D. ESTABLISHMENT OF OBJECTIVES, GOALS AND MILESTONES FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF US INITIATIVES.

2. DR. BENNETT (ACTING ASD/I AND L) WISHES TO VISIT VARIOUS EUROPEAN CAPITALS, 15-23 SEPTEMBER 1975, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EUROPEAN OFFICIALS TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS AND ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOP LEVEL ORGANIZATION IN NATO TO ADDRESS LOGISTIC MATTERS. FYI. IF WE FIND THAT THE ALLIES WILL NOT SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A NATO-WIDE LOGISTICAL ORGANIZATION, WE WOULD THEN SEEK TO GAIN AGREEMENT AMONG A SMALLER GROUP OF NATIONS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE. END FYI. DR. BENNETT DESIRES TO VISIT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN BELGIUM, UK, NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS, FRG, AND ITALY. HOWEVER, HE IS OPEN TO RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES. REQUEST THAT ADDRESSEES PROVIDE USNATO WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD AND THAT USNATO THEN PREPARE FOR DR. BENNETT'S CONSIDER-  
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ATION A SUGGESTED ITINERARY -- INCLUDING A LIST OF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE SHOULD VISIT. HE DESIRES THE FIRST STOP TO BE USNATO (INCLUDING A VISIT WITH DR. TUCKER) AND REQUESTS ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR A COURTESY VISIT WITH SACEUR. DR. BENNETT WOULD WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES FROM USNATO AND J-4 EUCOM ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE TRIP. PLEASE FORWARD SUGGESTED ITINERARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TOWARD DEVELOPING A FIRM ITINERARY BY

28 AUGUST 1975.

3. FOR US CINCEUR: DR. BENNETT WILL TRAVEL TO EUROPE  
VIA COMMERCIAL AIR AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE OR  
FOUR STAFF OFFICERS FROM OSD AND THE JOINT STAFF -- NAMES  
TO BE PROVIDED LATER. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE THEATRE  
CLEARANCE AND AN AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT THE GROUP DURING  
THE EUROPEAN TRIP.

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